

BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

HONORING Firefighter John McKenna upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Greenlawn Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Firefighter John McKenna upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Greenlawn Fire Department to be celebrated with a dinner at the Department's fairgrounds on Thursday, June 2, 2022, in Greenlawn, New York; and

WHEREAS, John McKenna joined the Greenlawn Fire Department on June 1, 1972, and throughout his 50 years of service has held two distinguished titles; he presently holds the position of Chaplain, a role he has gracefully fulfilled since 1980, and was Company Lieutenant in 1978; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of various awards and accolades, John McKenna's achievements include being named Rescue Person of the Year three times, the Top Fire, EMT, and Rescue Responder of the Year in 2015, Fireman of the Year in 1984 and Suffolk County Volunteer of the Year in 2010, among numerous other outstanding honors; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; John McKenna is one such firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Firefighter John McKenna upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Greenlawn

Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter John McKenna.